

Amendment to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-6. (*Cancelled*)

7. (*Currently Amended*) An isolated monoclonal antibody against the hTSH receptor wherein said antibodies block the binding of TSH and/or stimulating autoantibodies with the hTSH receptor, and wherein said antibodies recognize a short peptide sequence of the hTSH receptor which comprises the amino acids FDSH (Phe Asp Ser His).

8. (*Currently Amended*) MThe isolated monoclonal antibody according to claim 7 wherein said antibody is a humanized monoclonal mouse antibody.

9. (*Currently Amended*) MThe isolated monoclonal antibody according to claim 7 wherein said antibody is produced from one of the hybridoma cells deposited under the designations 4E9/B2/C1 (DSM ACC2389); 4C1/E1/G8 (DSM ACC2390); 1b1/E10/B11/C12 (DSM ACC2391); 7E3/F8/E3 (DSM ACC2392); 3H10/A11/A1 (DSM ACC2393) at DSMZ, Braunschweig, according to the Budapest Treaty on 19.2.1999.

10. (*Currently Amended*) The isolated monoclonal antibody of claim 7, wherein said peptide sequence further comprises additional contiguous flanking amino acids from the extracellular domain of the hTSH receptor, and fragments or conjugates having its specific, antigen-binding binding properties.

11. (*Previously presented*) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the monoclonal antibody of claim 7.

12. *(Previously presented)* A method for blocking the binding of TSH and/or autoantibodies to the hTSH receptor comprising contacting said hTSH receptor with the monoclonal antibody of claim 7.

13. *(Previously presented)* A method for treatment of hyperthyroidism comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a pharmaceutically effective dose of the pharmaceutical composition of claim 11.